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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING FINE FOREIGN MATTERS, AND ROLLING
BEARING USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-5 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the grinding medium is made from corn-cob as a raw material.

4. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a barrel finishing machine is used in the process of removing residual fine foreign matters.

5. (Amended) A rolling bearing comprising parts from which residual fine foreign matters are removed by the method according to Claim 1.

Please add new claims 6-11 as follows:

--6. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the grinding medium is made from corn-cob as a raw material.--

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